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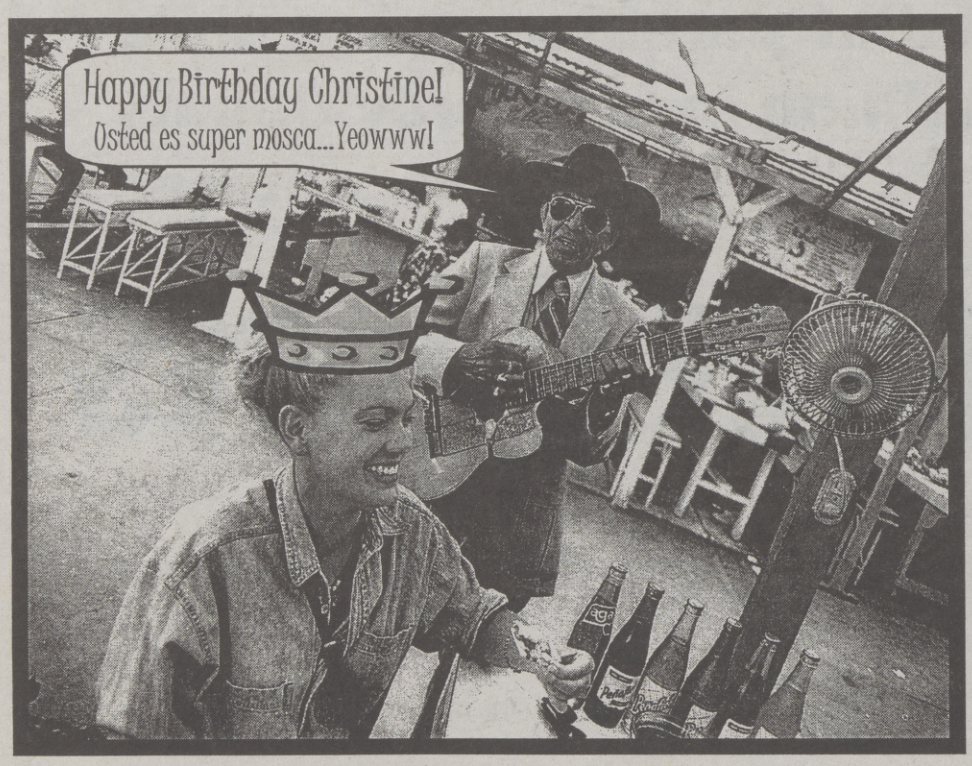

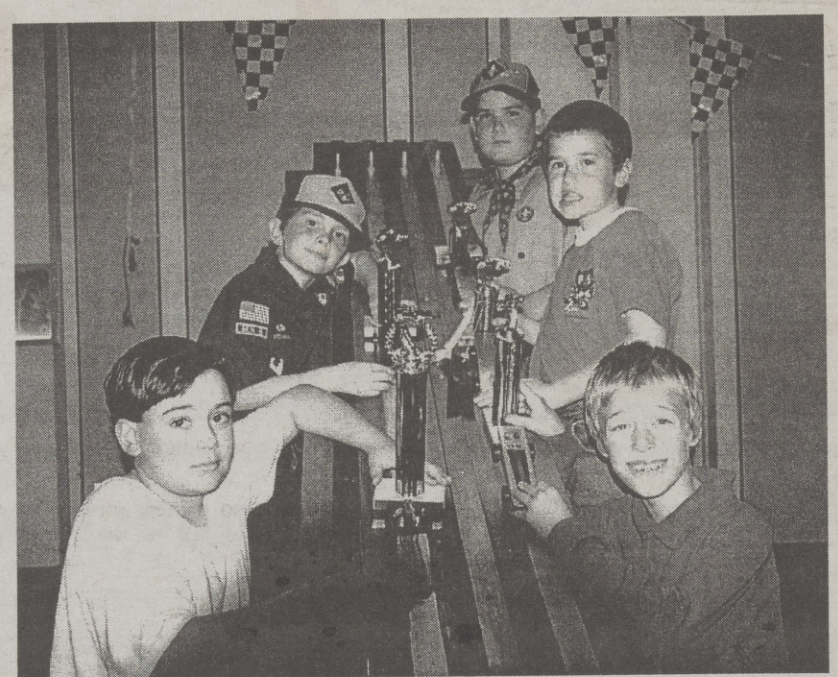

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LETTERS

Consider the Alternative

Dear Editor:

It seems that any newly proposed change or activity in the semi-rural Carmel Valley is certain to meet with some element of opposition. There are a few members of the CV community who are outspokenly against the efforts of two of the finest community-minded people I have ever met. Lars and Barbara de Jounge are genuine down-to-earth people trying to fulfill a lifelong dream. Their attempt to create something special out of the Carmel Valley Airport is just that, a life dream. It is not, I repeat, not an attempt to profit from another housing development.

What Lars and Barbara are trying to do is preserve an existing community asset. Their dream is to create a nostalgic haven for a few, and I stress few, antique aircraft. Lars has renamed the oldest active airfield in California, as "Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield". He hopes to provide continued access to the general public who have become accustomed to using the 30 acre airfield as a recreational site. Village residents and visitors commonly walk their dogs, jog alongside the runway or just enjoy a bit of open space amidst the village proper. It is not possible for everything to remain the same if we as a community are to share in Lars' dream. To help finance the project and make it attractive to a covey of vintage aircraft, Lars is planning on locating ten or eleven modest homes on the airport property. The homes will become the residences of the vintage aircraft owners who will bring their craft from all over the world to be part of the mini flying community,

Now consider what it will mean if the dream fails. What will become of the open space? What other uses of the land will be in store for us? The county may approve the land for conversion to a RV or mobile home park. It might become the site of 14 to 29 individual homes. It might become the location for an apartment complex at some future date. If any of these uses become reality, the airport will cease to exist forever. It will not be an open space for the public to enjoy. Think about the alternative before you oppose this dream. It takes good, energetic, forward-thinking people like the de Jounge's to make the good things happen. Let's help these folks succeed, for only if people with their vision succeed will we be able to keep this wonderful valley a special place for generations to come.

Duane Englehardt
Carmel Valley Resident

Broadway Comes to Carmel Valley

Dear Editor:

"A funny thing happened to me on the way to the forum." er- ah- the way to Tularcitos School, Thursday, March 19th. I expected cute kids in a typical fourth grade play. Was I taken back! I was transformed from Carmel Valley to the Big Apple. My grandson Zachary in Mr. Smith's class was in "Annie." All the children were so professional. Kudos and congrats to Stephanie Waldroup and Joelle Swift, Drama Teachers for encouraging these actors. "Back to Broadway" was an immense success.

To top the Broadway show, we felt like going to Sardi's, but we ended up having the most delicious good down home cooking at the Salt and Pepper Café. It was good food with a real down home attitude. The host Ron and hostess Rose (owners) helped celebrate the evening. You don't have to go to New York to ENJOY!

Ruth Effron
Carmel

NEWSBRIEFS

CV Airfield Debate at Wednesday CVPOA Meeting

The proposed Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield project will be the topic of the Wednesday, April 8 Carmel Valley Property Owners Association meeting.

Lars deJounge, airfield owner and members from the Carmel Valley Airfield Awareness Committee will be in attendance.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Station on April 8.

Dam Price Tag Goes Up

Cal-Am has released updated cost figures for the proposed Carmel River Dam and Reservoir project. The numbers have been revised given the projected inflation rate of approximately 3% per year to the proposed project completion date of 2005. The cost of the project in 2005 dollars is $127.6 million based on a seven-year engineering, permitting and construction period from 1998-2005.

The $127.6 million estimate includes the cost to purchase non-Cal-Am property necessary to complete the project, revised planning and permitting costs to complete the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, construction costs and environmental mitigation increases.

The revised cost of the project will increase the cost of each unit of water (1 unit = 100 cubic feet) by $.04 in 2000, $.05 in 2001, $.06 in 2002, $.10 in 2003, $.31 in 2004, $.49 in 2005, and $3.05 in 2006. The average residential customer uses eight units of water per month, which is a total of 5,984 gallons.

The projected bill for eight units of water in the year 2006 without the reservoir is estimated to be $38.37, which is comprised of a meter charge of $8.17 and a quantity charge per unit of water of $3.78. If the proposed dam and reservoir is completed in seven years (2005) the monthly charge for an average customer using eight units of water in the year 2006 would be $62.77, comprised of a meter charge of $8.17 and a quantity charge per unit of water of $6.83.

The $24.40, or 63.59% cost increase for the reservoir is only for the year 2006. Cal-Am states the graduated rates will reach a peak in 2006, the year after the reservoir completion is expected and will decline for 25 years beginning in 2007.

Tularcitos Excellent Academics

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Who's fighting to collect your child support dollar?

Just about everyone has entered

The Battle of the Badges

BARBRA ALEXANDER TELLS ALL

Are you one of the thousands of non-custodial parents responsible for the payment of child support? If you are, don't be surprised if your employer at some time in the near future requires that you disclose any child support payments a court has ordered you to pay.

Employers in seventeen industries already report new or rehired employees to the Employment Development Department within thirty days. Matches with the New Hire Registry currently provide the Family Support Division with immediate identification when a non-custodial parent is employed. The reason is that they will automatically be served with an Order by the Court to collect those payments through wage garnishments.

It seems that the national epidemic of non-paying parents owing child support has virtually every government agency in a frenzy to be a part of the solution.

In an effort to cover all possible bases federal, state and county agencies have been granted astounding access into every area of your existence if you have minor children that don't reside with you. It seems that the national epidemic of non-paying parents owing child support has virtually every government agency in a frenzy to be a part of the solution.

The avalanche of multiple agency involvement began with the Family Support Act of 1988, which was part of the Congressional Welfare Reform Act. When in 1993 a new law allowed for the Franchise Tax Board to collect money from bank accounts and wages to pay for child support, the race to see which agency would be first to collect began.

In something called the Statewide Intercept and Information System the following income related agencies have been recruited thus far:

- Internal Revenue Service and Franchise Tax Board – Tax Refund Intercept System.
- Unemployment Insurance Benefit Intercept System.
- Disability Insurance Benefit Intercept System.
- Lottery Winners Intercept.
- Credit Reporting System.
- State Licensing Match System.
- New Hire Registry.
- Assets Match Program.

All this power is enhanced through both real and personal property liens in addition to mandatory wage garnishment. We knew that there would come a time when agency computers would be talking to each other behind our backs. That time has arrived and I am astounded at their omnipresence.

All this power to ensnare one person would seem a little like using an elephant gun on a canary. But there are still many that insist on scattering their seed to the four winds and then choose to walk away from the result. So it turns out not to be just one person but something like twenty five thousand non-custodial parents in Monterey County alone who are now making child support payments through the local District Attorney's office.

Congressional mandates representing micro management at its finest encourage the cooperation of each state with national guidelines by threatening to withdraw welfare fund contributions. These mandates cascade directly into the Family Support Divisions of every local District Attorney's office. These divisions have mushroomed into profit centers and are well rewarded for the diligent collection of child support. As is true of profit centers in every industry funding for staff and equipment is plentiful.

According to James Hansen, Deputy District Attorney, the Family Support Division of Monterey County alone currently employs 127 people. Hansen, a twenty three-year veteran of this division in Monterey County, has seen the effect of these new enforcement and collection programs first hand. The caseload in 1993 was 25,081 and closed 1997 with 25,609 cases, which represents a meager increase of 528 cases. The money collected increased by a much greater percentage during the same years, having risen from approximately $11 million to over $20 million. Since all money collected does go directly to the support of the minor children it was intended for, no fault can be found with these percentages.

But there are still many that insist on scattering their seed to the four winds and then choose to walk away from the result.

However, the collection practices could use some cleaning up. The old adage of 'too many cooks spoil the soup' comes to mind when I think about the feeding frenzy of multiple agencies involved in the process. It would seem that even though the computers talk to each other they don't always communicate the most accurate information.

No one disputes the fact that children need to be taken care of. But the majority of non-custodial parents are not un-caring, unemployed, deadbeats. They have already undergone the emotional trauma of divorce, the loss of the day-to-day joy of participating in the growing up of their children when they suddenly find themselves being treated like second class citizens. Suddenly they have a bill every month that they can't pay in the customary manner because they are suspect and no one trusts them to make the payment. There is no dignity in having your wages attached. There is even less in having to deal with credit bureaus reporting erroneous information.

Altogether too often the overlapping of inter-agency collection systems creates confusion and the dissemination of wrong information to other agencies. By the time the origin is found and corrected there are additional fees charged for the reinstatement of driver's or professional licenses, not to mention trying to clean up a credit report that has been soiled by error.

I can't help feeling that this is less about children and more about a great deal of money. Every agency involved is the grateful recipient of federal or state funds that pay for the administration of these programs. The addition of incentive payments by the state of some 6% to 13.6% of the money collected virtually turns the Family Support Division into a commission based collection agency. The best part is guess who's paying the commission? Yup, you got it, we are. These moneys come from the state treasury, which gets its funds from taxes.

My favorite part of this circular thought is that the same non-custodial parent who is paying child support to the DA's office is also paying taxes. What that means to me is that they are paying a commission to have money collected from themselves. Is it just me, or is there something wrong with that picture?

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How about a logical, new proposal. Lets talk to the major insurance companies and make child support insurance available. You could start paying insurance from the time your child is born. This could be a simple rider on your homeowners policy stating that in the event of a divorce and child support order you're covered for eighty percent of the ordered support payments.

In this manner, parents would have the opportunity to take care of their obligation with dignity and civility. Affordability would not be so much of an issue and our tax money could be used for the purposes originally intended, whatever those were.

Barbra Alexander is a local mortgage lender. She can be heard every Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. Hosting the MONEY HOT-LINE on KSCO 1080 AM. You can reach Barbra directly by calling 408 649-8757.

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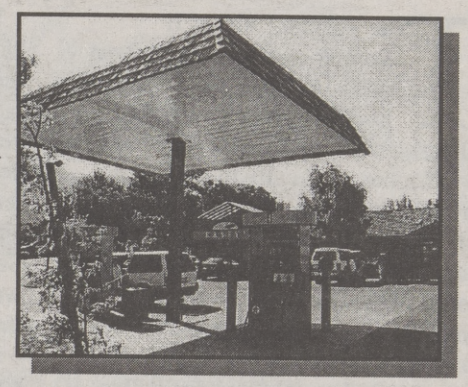

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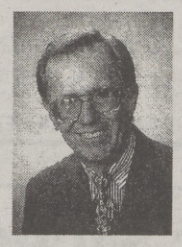
Science: Jonathan Muller, Jesse Greenland, Nicole Davis, Peter Krol, Julie Culp, Blake Cornish, Allison Hayden.
Math: Adriana James, Justin Cate-Kolb, Tim Gertz, Forest Kovach, Nick Siegal, Jessica Hightower, Cassie Chapple.
Social Studies: Billy Heron, Talia Stone, William Scrivani, Emilie Lygren, Cristina Esparza, Ryan Dawson, Sam Pitnick.

Larry Foy to Retire



Larry Foy, vice president and general manager of Cal-Am's Monterey Division will retire after over 31 years with the company. The retirement date is set for December 31, 1998.

Foy, 65, who spent the last 14 years on the Monterey Peninsula, told the president he is looking forward to his retirement, his continued community activities and spending time with his four grandchildren.

Under Foy, the utility has expended and faced several challenges, which included the Pebble Beach fire, an earthquake, floods, drought and the storms of 1998. For has actively worked to solve the water supply problem for the Monterey Peninsula and to provide exemplary customer service.

Foy plans to work with the company in its selection of his replacement and to provide a smooth transition for his successor into the Monterey Peninsula Community.

CV Medical Open House

Abraham Kryger, DMD., MD will hold an open house at Carmel Valley Medical at #2 Village Drive in Carmel Valley on April 3, 1998 from 4-7p.m. Dr. Kryger specializes in sports medicine, disease prevention and acupuncture.

Floods Increase Risk of Heartworm

Monterey County's heavy winter rains may cause an increased risk of heartworm infection in dogs. Heartworm is an often fatal disease spread by mosquitoes and because many areas still have standing water from the floods, a bumper mosquito season is expected.

Heartworm is spread by female mosquitoes when they bite and release their offspring. These young migrate to the heart and can grow to more than one foot in length, eventually causing heart failure. Because heartworm infection shows no early symptoms, the SPCA urges dog owners to see a veterinarian about heartworm care. Pets must be tested and then given preventative medication.

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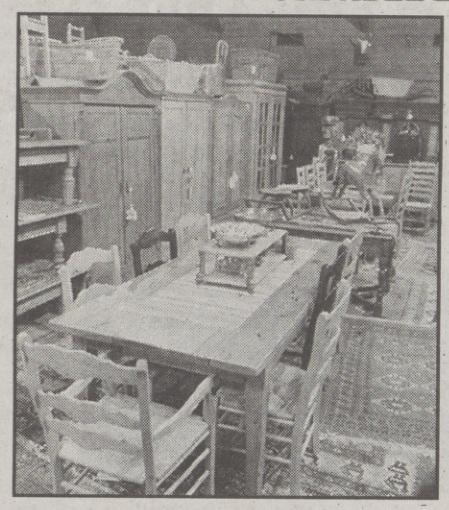

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Real Estate in THE SUN

John McCord

Still, It's Only Dirt

The Rancho Chualar II Referendum is upon us. Last week opponents to the housing plan submitted more than enough signatures to qualify for a ballot vote in Monterey County to reverse the Board of Supervisors decision approving the plan. Just as in the Rancho San Carlos situation, it is interesting that once again a majority of the Board seems to be on the wrong side of public sentiment.

So many issues come into play in these controversial plans that it is difficult to keep them straight. Basically, for property owners, the right to develop their property as they wish is the essence of their argument. For those opposing the plan, environmental restraints, and quality of life are the most important arguments.

The supervisor's arguments are the most interesting. It seems incongruous that an elected Board of Supervisors would vote in favor of a project that is clearly opposed by a majority of people and against the recommendations of the counties planning department. Why?

The supervisors site the need for more "low income housing" as their primary reason for approving the project. It is in fact the reason we hear most frequently as new developments are submitted. No one denies housing is expensive but it is not unique to this county. It is a common situation in all coastal counties between San Diego and the bay area but one wonders if the board's remedy is worse than the disease.

It was once reported there was a need for as many as 5,000 low-income homes countywide. Is it the supervisor's intent to satisfy this need and if so, at what cost to the county in terms of environmental and infrastructual impact? Based on Rancho Chualar's ratio, to satisfy the current need for 5,000 low income homes the county would need to approve nearly 20,000 more homes in the county! Once those are built, will the need for low-income homes be solved or at least reduced? In fact, based on projected statewide growth, it will no doubt be greater. Are the supervisors really satisfying a need or exacerbating a regionally critically situation in transportation, water, education, law enforcement and the other crucial elements of our area?

A second unspoken reason for the approval of these plans has to do with taxes. One of the board's most important responsibilities is to insure the financial health of the county. In an effort to strengthen *our* financial health the board needs to find ways to increase county revenue within the restraints of state ballot initiatives that have severely reduced their means of raising revenue. Development of new homes assessed at market value is a very attractive means to raise money in large quantities.

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Realtors of Monterey County are caught, just as all residents are to find balance in accommodating acute needs, protecting the quality of life we treasure, and finding ways to sustain a healthy housing industry while preserving the many resources we are obligated to protect. These complex problems increasingly impact areas once far removed from each other. As the county inevitably grows, we need to summon the discipline to focus on regional solutions and solve infrastructure needs before embarking on haphazard growth and shortsighted solutions.

John McCord works with his partner Mark Capito at the Mitchell Group with offices in Carmel Valley, The Clocktower and Carmel. He can be reached at 622-4881.

Carol Jensen Root - Home Sales For The Week of March 1 - 7,1998

CARMEL:

Lorna Lewis sold #4 NE Dolores/Santa Lucia to John and Charlotte Flanagan for $885,000.00.

Margaret Heater sold a property on Junipero Avenue to Patrick Corrigan for $227,000.00.

Sarah Johnston sold 2960 Santa Lucia Avenue to Christopher and Karen Mack for $975,000.00.

Jan and Nelly Vanden Ho Neels sold a property on Lincoln Street to Joseph and Charlene Grady for $725,000.00.

Robert and Rita Seger sold a property on Newberry Way to Erica Weston for $710,000.00.

David Stone sold a property on Carpenter Street to Arlington Investment Company for $260,000.00.

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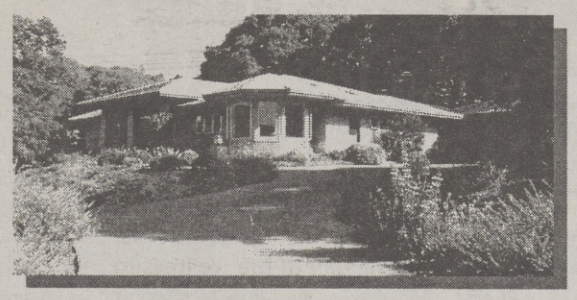

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For more details on this beautiful estate and other properties not yet publicly listed contact Doug Steiny at 648-4319.

DOUG STEINY

Specializing in quality Carmel Valley Properties, Doug is a lifetime Peninsula resident and has 20 years of Real Estate experience. Current listings include this Quail Meadows Estate. Please call for more information on this property in addition to other fine properties not yet publicly listed.

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Raymond Travers sold #8 Coastlands to William and April McLeod for $80,000.00.

CARMEL VALLEY:
Richard Conklin sold 4000 Rio Road #73 to Sharon Walsh for $272,000.00.
Erlene Day sold 4000 Rio Road #47 to Natalie Newell for $251,000.00.
Elayne Gray sold 119 Hacienda Carmel to Francis Strachwitz for $135,000.00.
Frances Elgan sold 291 Hacienda Carmel to Elayne Gray for $85,000.00.
Jack Belangee sold 176 Hacienda Carmel to William and Elizabeth McKeon for $94,000.00.

PEBBLE BEACH:
Clyde and Rose Sailer sold 3120 Spruance Road to John and Pamela Dekker for $765,910.00.

MONTEREY:
Anna Taylor sold 500 Glenwood Circle 510 to Robert and Jean Ziatic for $104,500.00.
John Cox sold 127 Montecito Avenue 3 to Richard and Elizabeth Elves for $155,000.00.
Raymond Pathman sold 30 Monte Vista Drive 3102 to Dana and Arlene Asty/Kasprisin for $121,000.00.
Wilma Rajcher sold a property on Tide Avenue to Joel Kass for $24,500.00.
Joel Kass sold a property on Seafoam Avenue to Wilma Rajcher for $15,500.00.
Jo Ann Sheahan sold 660 Terry Street to Fred and Lucille Ray for $305,000.00.
Paul Lucido sold 461 Dela Vina Avenue 101 to Warren Morishige for $145,000.00.
Gerald and Brenda Prothro sold 1360 Josseyln Canyon Road to Josephine Hinckley for $265,000.00.
Gail Johnson sold 41 Montsalas Drive to Richard Walters for $250,000.00.

PACIFIC GROVE:
Richard and Beatrice Weaver sold 607 Sage Court 42 to Sandra Cole for $249,000.00.
Shiro Yusa sold 211 3rd Street to Pierre and Virginia Chomat for $775,000.00.
William Eckhart sold 385 Grove Acre Avenue to Scott and Karen Hudson for $355,000.00.
Robert and Drusilla Bratty sold 706 Timber Trail 82 to Barkeley Bell for $249,500.00.
Barbara Oman sold 909 Ripple Avenue to Michael and Sheila Bilich for $392,273.00.
Robert Toole sold 415 Fountain Avenue to Charles and Barbara Higuera for $435,000.00.

Carol Jensen Root, real estate loan representative for Peninsula Real Estate Loans, can be reached at 659-1516.

Resting Well

Is It Time for A New Mattress?

by Brian Gingerich
Mattress Specialist

Beds wear out so gradually, you may not notice because your body constantly makes small adjustments daily. It takes sleeping in a good bed to recognize the difference. If you ache in the morning and can't stand to stay in bed, it's probably time for a new mattress.

A worn out mattress can seriously undermine efforts to stay in great health. Everything good you do for your body is negated by a bad bed. It's hard to eliminate back problems, aches and pains. Exercise and proper diet can only do so much if your body is resting in a position without the proper support. Breathing and circulation is affected and you do not have the comfort that allows you to fall into a deep sleep.

A mattress, very simply, is a spring unit upholstered with layers of padding. A quality spring should give an average size adult a support life of ten years, yet the padding generally will not last that long and is the first thing to wear out.

Most mattresses feel good when you first lie down on them. What makes the difference months or years later, is the quality of the padding. It should give good support and hold you with even pressure distributed the entire length of your body when you are curled up on your side. Your spine should be held in the same good posture as when you are standing.

When a bed doesn't contour enough, most of your weight is supported on your hips and your shoulders. Pressure on these points is not only uncomfortable but can cut off circulation and cause you to roll from side to side all night. When it contours too much, you sink in and lose good posture, much like sleeping in a hammock.

Put your mattress to the test. Look across your bed for any visible body impressions or sagging. The upholstery material should feel as it did when you first bought the bed. You shouldn't sink through the padding or feel the springs. A well-made mattress of high quality materials will return to its original shape so you won't need to turn it every month to fluff poor quality padding.

A good mattress will mold to your body and hold you in good posture with a feeling that *you* think is comfortable. You don't have to compromise *your idea* of comfort. You can find a balance between the firmness of the spring and the thickness of the padding that is just right for you.

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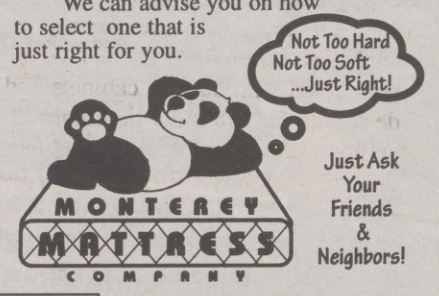

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Bluefin Billiards 375-7000 • Cannery Row	Dizzy Burnett Quartet 9pm – 12am Free swing lessons starting at 8pm	Local Blues with "Dr. Doug & the Blues Creepers" 9pm-1am	NPL 9-ball Tournament 2pm "JD & the Sliders" 9pm-1am	Military Night ½ off pool for all active military personnel	College Night 1/2 off pool for all students	Two for Tuesday 2 for 1 well drinks & appetizers 9pm-close	Ladies Night 1/2 off price of pool 8pm-Close
Doc's Nightclub 649-4241 • Cannery Row	"Jonah & the Whalewatchers"	"Tempest"	"Nite Cry"	Best of Monterey Party! Red Beans & Rice, Lovers & Strangers, and Jonah	Blues Bait 9:30pm No Cover	"Jonah & the Whalewatchers"	Kevin Conley and Friends Rock & Blues Jam Session
Long Bar 372-2244 • Monterey	S.H.I.T. Night (So Happy it's Thursday) $1 Drafts & Shot Specials No Cover	Dance to all your favorites! $1 domestic drafts 4 - 10pm No cover	Dance, Dance, Dance $1 domestic draft 4 - 10pm 50¢ pool! No cover	Dance, Dance, Dance EVERY DRINK $1!! $5 Cover	Call for Information	Call for Information	The Long Hump $2 pints all night
McGarrett's 646-9244• Monterey	Call for Information	Alternative House and Techno CD 93 Night - 8pm	DJ Mikey Top 40 & House Music	Closed	Male and Female Exotic Dancers 8pm	Closed	Call for Information
Planet Gemini 373-1449 • Cannery Row	Comedy 9-10:30pm w/ John Bizarre & Johnny Heard 9-10:30pm	Comedy 9-10:30pm w/ John Bizarre & Johnny Heard 9-10:30pm	Comedy 9-10:30pm w/ John Bizarre & Johnny Heard 9-10:30pm	Live on the air w/ La Buena! Grupo Oasis w/ special guest Sonora Dinamita	Closed	Closed	Live Music by Mockingbird $2 Cover
Viva Monterey 646-1415 • Monterey	"The Red Squares" with Tom & Angelina Ayres 8:30pm	"Sean Kennedy & the King Kats" 9:30pm	"Trial By Fire" 9:30pm	Viva Acoustic Jam! Starts at 8pm followed by…DJ Matty's Eclectic Review	Song Writer's Showcase with special guests 8:30pm	Song Writer's Showcase with special guests 8:30pm	Viva Club Night w/ special guests! Win up to $500 cash!
Whitey's Place 646-8383 • Cannery Row	Unshakable Race opens Jam Session w/ Joe Lucido & Friends – 9pm	Rock-n-Roll "Human Doings" 9:30pm	Roots reggae with DUB Congress 9:30pm	NTN presents: Sports All Day	NTN presents: Trivial Pursuit 6pm	"Gold Record Karaoke" - 9pm	"Monkey Boys"

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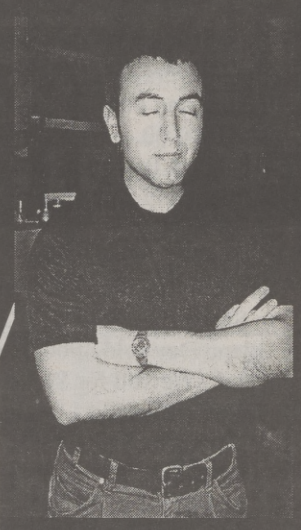
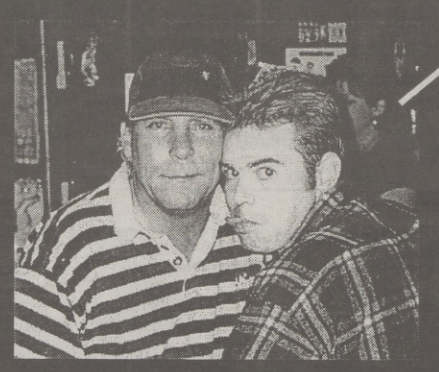
Paparazzi Girl

Sarah and Alex helping Jeff White celebrate his birthday on Saturday at Whitey's.



Someone just refuses to have fun. Tough guy Robert Weis at BlueFin



Ernie and Troy adding to the birthday revelry at Whitey's on Saturday.

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Around Town

With Matt Heimbold

Now I want everyone to conduct themselves in an orderly fashion when I tell you what's up at DuVal's (home of the singing sheriff) in Carmel Valley. Fridays from 4:30 - 6:00 PM he's serving up free appetizers. Why am I telling you this little food factoid? What does it have to do with entertainment? Well I just can't enjoy an evening out on the town without a full belly...come, come now. Fire up the bar-b-q Pat and keep all fingers out of harms way...the posse and I are riding into town. While we're on Happy Hours...Jeff White of Whitey's wants you to know he's being rather generous with the Jager and Jack for the early happy hour birds between 4-9:00 PM.

On a more substantive note...tonight at Whitey's will apparently be Unshakable Race's last show in Monterey before heading out on tour. For the past several months they've been performing as a trio choosing not to replace their DJ and keyboardist. They still offer up the solid world beat (that handle is getting pretty tired - let's just call it reggae) and are performing at the clubs weekly jam session hosted by Joe Lucido.

Saturday Night at Whitey's the Human Doings will...should I say it?...Do their thang. After a crowd pleasing show at Bluefin a couple of weeks back "the doings" are prepared to dish it up again, opting this time to focus on their originals. The band's original line-up is still intact with Scott Free on lead vocals and funky wah guitar, Kenny "the bottom" Pimentel on bass, Steve "slamdog" Pitts on drums, and Steve Moseley on psycoslamadelic lead guitar. There will be a surprise special guest opening the show. Friday April 3rd, 9:30 PM, $2 cover.

Red Beans & Rice will join Jonah and the Whalewatchers and Lovers and Strangers at a special Sunday fiesta at Doc's Nightclub. Three bands for three bucks, the fun begins at 7p.m. Sunday.

An excellent rock-a-billy act is returning to Viva tomorrow night. "Sean Kennedy & the King Kats" really impressed me albeit I only caught a few tunes last time they were in town. Listen up...this show should not be missed! That's all you're going to get to go on, but I'm suppose to give you the skinny so there it is...me pick o da week. Vince LaRocca, long time owner of Viva, informed us that Trial By Fire is recording a music video Saturday, April 4th. I didn't have an opportunity to confirm this with band leader Randy Baldwin, but if you're a T.B.F. fan you better get there early for a chance at 15 Monterey style.

If you like your Celtic music to rock, Tempest is your call tomorrow at Doc's. The Northern California outfit has released five albums, including their current CD "Turn Of The Wheel", since forming in 1988. Their extensive touring has built them a strong

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Thursday, April 2

The Carmel Valley Garden Association will meet at 7:30pm at **St. Dunstan's Church Hall** on Robinson Canyon Rd. Carolyn Smith, master judge and instructor for flower show schools and symposiums for the National Council of State Garden Clubs will show flower lovers how to make award-winning arrangements. Open to visitors, refreshments will be served.

Thursday, April 2

The public is invited to attend a **portrait drawing** and **painting demonstration** by artist and educator **Rip Matterson** at 7pm presented by the **Carmel Art Association**. Matterson has won many awards for his landscape paintings. The event is free of charge and will be held at the Association on Dolores St. between 5th and 6th in Carmel.

Thurs., Sat, Tue, Wed, April 2, 4, 7, & 8

Nixon's Nixon comes to Carmel. Russell Lees' provocative, dark comedy **Nixon's Nixon** will run until April 25th in the Circle Theatre at the Golden Bough in Carmel. **The Pacific Repertory Theatre** features Michael Jacobs as Nixon and John Rousseau as Henry Kissinger. Evening curtain is at 7:30pm Thurs. Tues. and Wed., and 2pm Sat. Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 children, seniors, military and teachers.

Thurs. - Sun., April 2 - 5

♪ Every Thursday through Sunday **Helcio Milito Trio** plays mellow Brazilian and American jazz in the Lobby Lounge at the Inn at Spanish Bay from 7-11pm. Helcio's band consists of Brazilian pianist Aloisio Aguiar and the following special guest artist: Thursday through Sunday, flutist Ali Ryerson.

Thurs. – Sun., April 2 – 5

The 22nd Annual Monterey Wine Festival, America's Original Wine Festival, starts Thursday. The festival has grown to include more than 150 California wineries and over 4,000 wine lovers. Tastings include the **New Release Party** at the famous Monterey Bay Aquarium and much more. For further information regarding events and ticket prices call 656-WINE; 800-656-4282 or contact the web site at www.MontereyWine.com.

Friday, April 3

Monterey County Wine Brats present **Sangiovese in Yo Face** – a four-course dinner, five Italian varietal wines, and stand up comedy at Ferrante's on top of the Marriott in Monterey - all this for $37.50 per person. For reservations, call Monterey Wine Brats Info-line 644-6259. Pre-payment is a must.

Friday, April 3

HIGHER GROUND Christian Coffeehouse presents open **Mic Night** at 3056 Del Monte Blvd, Suite 204 in Marina. The event starts at 7pm and a $3 donation at the door is suggested. All local Christian musicians, singers and poets are invited to contact Barbara Sherman at 625-3492 to sign up. Invite a friend & plan to join in with an evening of food, fun & fellowship.

Fri. & Sat., April 3 & 4

New Junior Ballet Classes (ages 6-9 years) Fridays and Saturdays starting in April. Call the Classical Ballet School (formerly the English School of Classical Ballet) at 655-5598 for full details. Visit the web site at http://home.earthlink.net/~stellarina.

Fri. - Sun., April 3 - 5

Pacific Repertory Theatre's 15th Anniversary season continues. Don't miss the classic American courtroom drama, Lawrence & Lee's ***Inherit the Wind*** at the Golden Bough Playhouse in Carmel. Tickets are $15 adults, $10 children, students, seniors, military and teachers. Play times are 7:30pm Friday and Saturday, and 2pm Sunday.

Fri. – Sun., April 3 - 5

The Bruce Ariss Wharf Theatre presents ***Movie Classics*, A Musical Play. *Classics*** is a playful look at some of Hollywood's great movies. Produced and directed by Chris Graham of the Western Stage and musical direction by award winner Don Dally. $15 adults, $10 children under 12. For further information call 449-7117.

Saturday, April 4

Carmel Valley Little League Opening Day. Games daily for boys and girls throughout spring and summer. For more information call 659-3718.

Saturday, April 4

The Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy and the **Monterey Peninsula Park District** invite the public to their popular star party in Garland Park from 6:30 – 9:30pm, 700 W Carmel Valley Rd. Telescopes from MIRA will be set up for public viewing. Meet in the parking lot at 6:30pm. Bring a flashlight & warm clothing. Event is free & children are welcome. Rain or heavy cloud cancels.

Saturday, April 4

Performance Carmel presents four pioneering virtuosi of the *klezmer* scene, **Brave Old World**, on Sat. at 8pm in a performance at Sunset Theater. *Klezmer* music is part of the rich heritage of Eastern European Jews, revived in the West by a generation of musicians. Tickets are priced at $16 & $12.50. For more information & tickets call 624-3996.

Monday, April 6

The Roots of Meditation: An Extraordinary Meditation Experience, Monday nights at the Community Room at the Barnyard. This week, Dr. Bill Little, Minister of Religious Science Pacific Coast Center for Creative Living will have a meeting from 7 to 8:30pm. $5 donation per session.

Wednesday, April 8

Professional Women's Network presents **"Personal Transformation through Self Hypnosis,"** at 6:30pm in the Community Room, upstairs in the Barnyard Shopping Center. Local professional speaker, honorary PWN member, author, consultant and teacher Bee Epstein-Shepherd will be addressing the group. The program is free and open to the public. Call 646-0796 for more information.

For the Month April

Monterey Peninsula College Art Department, Permanent/ Impermanent, an exhibition featuring sculptures by advanced students of Gary Quinonez. The sculptures will remain on display until April 24th. Gallery hours are 10am-6:30pm, Mon.-Fri. & 10am-4pm Sat.

The Central Coast Art Association members will display their work at various locations in April. Watercolors by Gull Britt-Rydell will be on display at the Sally Griffin Senior Center in PG. The public is invited April 2nd from 5-7pm for an opening reception. Encoustic and acrylic artwork by Robert Hewitt will be displayed at the Pebble Beach Post Office weekdays from 8:30am – 4:30pm.

BLUES MUSIC NEWS

The Blues Bus By Rand Elliot Rueter

Can Get Enough...

The news for Red Beans and Rice fans is the release of a new album, called *Can't Get Enough*. If you are a Red Beans fan, you have the opportunity to own more music.

I think that Gil Rubio is one of the best guitarists anywhere. He can play with genuine emotion and a clarity that few local guitarists can achieve.

Unfortunately, there is very little emotion in this recording. The songs are very safe. I like the band a lot, but could find very little of what they are capable of, in this CD. Like the cover graphic, there is serving after serving of the same dish. In auditioning the record, it seemed like it didn't matter what song I punched into, if you couldn't hear the lyric, you didn't have much in the way of landmarks.

For some reason, they made an album that downplays the creative genius and humor that is a feature of their live performance. There is little of the energy that makes them fun to watch. There is even less of the sly wit that comes through in their live set.

Red Beans' first album had some rough spots, but lots of energy. This new record sounds like an audition tape for a corporate party band, not the work of a genuinely interesting blues outfit. Please buy the record to support a great local band, but hope that they use the money to put out a follow-up album of live performances or at least one with more spontaneity.

If you want a high energy local album, pick up Terry Hanck's *Live and Raw* Terry and the rest of the band are musically strong and lyrically funny and danceable and musically interesting. There is a lot of fun going on and it comes through the speakers like a superbike, bold and blasting, at two hundred miles an hour, right on the edge. Buy this one to reward the band for putting heart and soul and a couple of other body parts into the mix.

Around Town

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following across the U.S. and Canada culminating in headlining gigs like the Philadelphia Folk Festival. Founding member Lief Sorby was born and raised in Oslo, Norway. He's also recorded two critically acclaimed solo albums and is the groups lead singer and flute player. But the real kick is when he plays his own trademark double-neck electric mandolin (how can you miss that?!). Most of Tempest's repertoire draws from Irish and Norwegian folk legends and tales. This promises to be an outstanding show.

It's monkey business with the Monkey Boys this Wednesday at Whitey's.

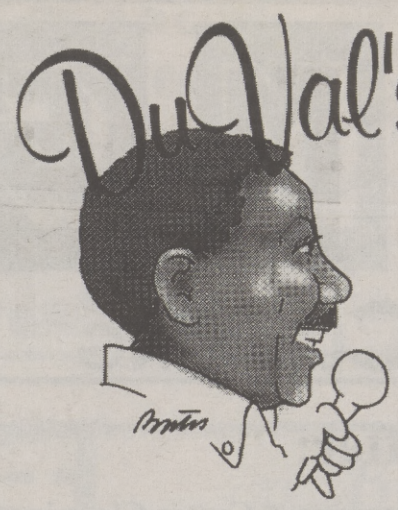
Well...can I have two picks o da week? Doc's has another strong show on Saturday when NiteCry returns to deliver the blues. Their sophomore CD effort ("Too Cool to be Blue"), produced by Joe Louis Walker (who also plays guitar on two of the tracks), has garnered rave reviews . "Too Cool to be Blue" showcases NiteCry as an emerging national act ready to make a name for themselves based on outstanding musicianship, refreshing original material, and a maturity derived from performing" - Tom Mazzolin, producer of the San Francisco Blues Festival. "This is West Coast Blues at its best, with confident vocals, blistering instrument work and clever, sharp song writing skills." - Joseph Jordan, Blues Review. NiteCry will also be back June 21st for a pre-Blues Festival party at Doc's.

3 bands for 3 bucks. That's what you'll get at Doc's on Sunday night as Jonah & The Whale Watchers, Red Beans & Rice, and Lovers & Strangers all perform on the same ticket. The groups have decided to throw owners Dino Pulgarin and Carolyn Gallagher a party at their club. Doors open at 7, music starts at 8:00 PM with the Whale Watchers.

Guitarist Aram Danesh and the Fever Dreams Quartet will perform at Schooners in the Monterey Plaza Hotel tomorrow night and next Friday April 10th. The group will perform between 5:30 and 8:30 PM. Danesh has shared the stage with Santana, The Allman Brothers, and many others. Accompanying Danesh will be pianist Michael Rizza, bassist Dennis Murphy, and drummer Mike Shannon. I'll definitely be at this one.

O.K. a few more notes because I'm getting tired here. Dr. Doug & the Blues Creepers and JD & The Sliders will play Bluefin Billiards Friday and Saturday nights respectively; Mockingbird is at Planet Gemini on Wednesday; Red Squares (with husband and wife team Tom & Angelina Ayres) are at Viva on Thursday; and DUB Congress will be at Whitey's on Saturday.

On a final note, the Higher Ground Christian Coffeehouse will have an "Open Mic Night" tomorrow starting at 7:00 PM. They're located at 3056 Del Monte Blvd in the Cypress Point Shopping Center. All local Christian musicians, singers and poets are invited to contact Barbara Sherman at 625-3492 to sign up. OUT.



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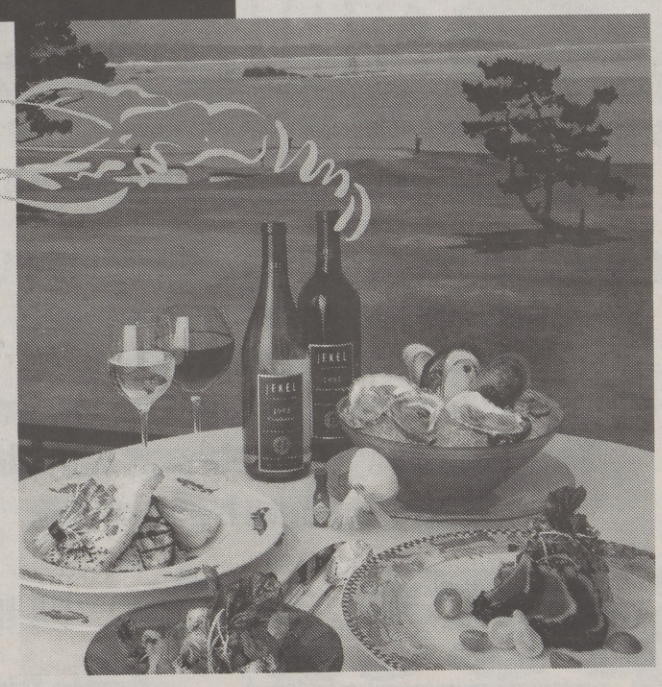

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ENVIRONMENT

Your World and Mine

By Araby Colton

Waste Not, Want Not

This column is unashamedly lifted from the seventeen-page article in *Mother Jones*, March/April, 1997, by Paul Hawken.

Mr. Hawken is a businessman, environmentalist, and author… his books include bestsellers *Growing a Business*, and *The Ecology of Commerce*. He also produced and hosted a 17-part PBS TV series, now showing in more than 115 countries, based on his book, *Growing a Business*. He is presently writing *Natural Capitalism: the Coming Efficiency Revolution.*

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"Try to imagine the technologies that could replace: oxygen production; purification of water and air; regulation of atmospheric chemistry; protection against cosmic and ultraviolet radiation; solar energy; regulation of local and global climate; maintenance of biological and genetic diversity; maintenance of wildlife migration and habitats; storage, detoxification, and recycling of human waste; natural pest and disease control regulation of runoff and flood prevention; regulation of the chemical composition of oceans; formation of topsoil and maintenance of soil fertility; production of fertilizers and food; nutrient storage and recycling, and fuel, and energy production.

"If there are no technological substitutes for these services, how will we replace their vital benefits: At what point will we decide that maintaining our remaining natural capital makes more sense than counting on a technology yet to be invented?… Given that natural capital services amount to subsidies worth trillions of dollars to industry, and these subsidies are running out, how will business be able to prosper in the future?

"We need to revise our economic thinking to give full value to our natural resources. This revised economics will stabilize both the theory and the practice of free-market capitalism. It will provide businesses and public policy with a powerful new tool for economic development, profitability, and the promotion of the public good."

Note: "Since 1950 we have destroyed nearly one-third of the world's forests. Each year in the United States we cut down nearly 800,000 acres of trees, throw away 27 billion pounds of wood, and go through 181 billion pounds of paper."

Note 2: "We are far better at making waste than at making products. For every 100 pounds of products we manufacture in the United States, we create at least 3,200 pounds of waste. In a decade we transform 500 trillion pounds of molecules into nonproductive solids, liquids, and gases."

Note 3: "Americans waste more than 1 million pounds per person per year. This includes 3.5 billion pounds (920 million square yards) of carpet sent to landfills; if you count the waste in extracting gas, coal, and minerals, that would add another 34 trillion pounds per year."

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The Legal Corner - By Barry Harrow

Wills, Part 2

What happens if you don't have a Will? You may have heard that it is a bad idea to be without a Will because the State will then decide what happens to your property when you die. Actually, the best reason to have a Will is to provide you with the maximum input into what happens to your property when you die. Good planning makes good sense, especially since a Will is only one component of a comprehensive Estate Plan.

What do they mean when they say that the State will decide what happens to your property? Essentially, this is a reference to "Intestate Succession". Intestate Succession is governed by a series of statutes in the Probate Code that the State Legislature has enacted over the years to transfer property at death if there is no direction from the deceased person (the type of direction that you would normally find in a Will and other Estate Planning documents).

Why does the State have anything to do with it? The ability to dispose of property in contemplation of death is a privilege provided by Statute. The Statutes of California do not necessarily provide the same rules as those of other States. In that sense, in the absence of a Will or other Estate Planning document, the Intestate Succession statutes will take over. That is not necessarily a bad thing, but it can result in some unintended consequences in some cases. It is for that reason that it is important to understand how the Intestate Succession law would apply to you if you do not have a Will or other Estate Planning documents.

To digress a little, it is becoming more common for people to live in more than one State during the course of their lives. They may have moved from one State to another, while other relatives of theirs continue to reside in other States. Dissolutions of marriage can leave one part of the family in one State and another part of the family in another State. The increased mobility of our society has resulted in families being spread out among several States and Countries as well. When that happens, which State's (or Country's) laws control? This problem is known as "Conflict of Laws".

Generally speaking, the law focuses on the decedent rather than the heirs to determine which State's laws control. The place of domicile of the decedent at the time of death will determine the answer to that question. In other words, even though a person has lived in several States and owns property in several States, the laws of California will control if the person is domiciled in California at the time of death. It may be necessary, however, to have any property in other States "administered" in those States through an ancillary probate proceeding, but it would still be the California law of succession that controls the actual distribution of the property.

I will provide some specific examples of Intestate Succession rules next week.

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OPINION

What's Next?

By Mel Vercoe

Is there no limit to what those mean-looking Republicans will do to try to get back into the driver's seats in our most sacred Washington, D.C., buildings? They should know better than to pick on somebody who lives in Carmel Valley, of all places.

They might as well have given some PR firm a billion-dollar grant to lobby the Carmel City Council to get the Hatton Canyon Freeway built. What they did was definitely unholy.

Everybody knows that the allegations about trading seats on official airplane trips, in exchange for campaign funds, had to be false, because the President's Chief of Staff would have known about it, having stated very plainly that "nothing got past his desk." I presume his desk would have been somewhere near the front door.

In other news, a number of years ago I was surprised to see video games, (in an amusement center in a shopping mall), that enabled children playing the games to practice pistol and machine gun shooting, with people as targets.

Should we be surprised that school children, ages 11 and 13, found it exciting to dress up like Rambos and use automatic weapons to kill other school children. Nobody, of course, will put any of the blame on the movie and television and video game industries. Well, for one thing, it would be unconstitutional to tell such industries what they could and could not do.

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Remembering

It is exciting to revisit places that are beautiful, and where you have been happy.

Before moving to the Carmel Valley in 1959, I wanted my Jenny, my precious wire-haired dachshund, to see the house and grounds where I had grown up.

We drove in my black mini MG to Alameda to see the old place; the front lawns and trellised roses were the same as my mother had them, the lawns equally impeccable. Behind the morning room was the same half acre of clipped lawns surrounded by tall trees and large shrubs.

Every morning we had breakfast in this same morning room, and our pet goose would come up to say hello and to flutter his white wings; the peacock would stroll by to lift his gorgeous tail, and stare at himself in the butler's ball.

The ten acres were somewhat changed. The old cottage where my mother's Chinese cook Fong had lived, had been turned into a place to change for the newly built swimming pool.

The lady who owned the house remembered my mother, and gave us tea. She photographed my Jenny and me, under some old oaks in the garden.

A few weeks ago, my friend, Lou Burdick, and I drove to the Carmel Valley, to meet the personnel of *The Sun*, to have tea and to revisit after 20 years, Midu Brock's house in the hills behind the Village, where Jenny and I had lived so happily.

What had been elegant and beautiful was gone; gone were the dozens of pots of white daisies around the circular drive; gone, the dozens of pink and red roses in the middle of the drive. Trash and dirt, and a dozen or so broken down cars and trucks were in front of the house. This was a sad revisiting.

One golden March day, Ruta and I took a picnic, and drove down to Point Lobos Park in the Highlands. The sea was so blue, the sun so golden.

Endless tides of memories rushed through me. There was a certain spot we passed, where, at midnight, if you listen closely, you can hear the fairies singing underneath the water. This is legend and truth. When I lived in the Highlands, my friends and I would walk at midnight to this sacred spot. At the exact hour we would kneel in the woods to pray. There was something. Was it singing?

Then Ruta and I had our picnic, and walked up the hill to look down at China Bay. Memories. Vivid rushing memories. The beach where I daily spent years swimming and sunning and reading; the wild cove which I loved to swim through, the high cliffs where John Ney and I, after a pitcher full of martinis, would leap into the sea, and swim to shore. The sea lions were there, just as they used to be when they would swim with me.

We sat down on a bench. I needed it. My memories of these old times, 57 years ago, were so vivid. It was a wonderful time, and today, Sunday, March 15th, was just as wonderful.

River Ramblings

Text & Photos by Joseph Hertlein

"The Garage Band"

The highlight of last weeks Tularcitos Parent Club Spring Fling annual fund-raiser was the performance of "The Garage Band." They played music from the 60's to the 80's which was great to dance to. The reason I didn't mention this in last weeks column was that I was hoping to obtain a photograph of this illustrious group. Unfortunately only a video was taken that night and efforts to-date of trying to obtain a still shot from the video have been unsuccessful. It is difficult to get an adequate reproducible negative from the panoramic shot of the entire group and the remainder of the tape is filled with close-ups of the deliriously happy smiling faces of individual band members as well as those of the crowded multitude on the dance floor.

In addition there is some unique coverage of some terrific, fancy footwork as the camera was spun on the dance floor. If a publicity photograph exists of this outstanding group, it has undoubtedly been snapped up by collectors who are hoarding them more carefully then if they were signed originals of the Beatles in concert. Those who were there will always be able to say, "I knew them when..."

Members of the band are Tom Adams, Bruce Dini, Irv Hartford, and Riddle-Kaufman on guitar, Friend Fred Baumeester on guitar and vocals, Mike Mahoney on drums and special featured vocalist Kim Hartford. Her fabulous rendition of the song "Heat Wave" brought cries of 'encore', but sadly there was none. This band is sure to be asked to return for next year's Spring Fling. Fortunately, they all have children who will be at Tularcitos for a few more years, so they may be an annual attraction for years to come. Though in the interim they are sure to be asked to perform at other events and will become so popular that we hope they'll schedule their international tours around the Spring Fling event. By the way, how did they get their name? They practice in a garage. I cannot tell you, though, where that is and when they practice, because the resulting traffic jam would definitely get me into trouble with the CHP. So if you have any thought of getting a free concert relaxing in your lawn chair outside the garage, forget it. However, as soon as I hear of their next engagement, where you can pay to hear them, I'll share the info with you.

Kevin Sanders, Anders Dombrowski, Carl Hertlein at the end of the track rooting on their cars as Judges Steve Heron, Rob Wolb and Mike Hatfield watch on.

Pinewood Derby

The annual running of Cub Scout Pack #127's Pinewood Derby was held Sunday, March 22nd. Some forty-five scouts and ten parent/adults entered the competition. All those who entered a handmade wooden car and one truck were eligible to vote for the best looking vehicle in each of six divisions (Tiger cubs, Bears, Wolf, Wiebelos I, Wiebelos II and Adult) with ribbons awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place vote getters. Each car in a division races other cars in that division, with 2nd & 3rd place finishers receiving a small trophy. The 1st place finisher in each of the cub divisions, excluding the adult category, then competes for overall winner, 1st through 5th place. These winners receive progressively larger trophies. Overall 1st place winner this year was Kyle Murchison, shown front left in the photo. Behind him on the left is 3rd place finisher Kevin Saunders. Shown on the right in the foreground is 2nd place finisher Carl Hertlein, and behind him are Anders Dombrowski 4th place and his big brother Alec whose car finished 5th overall. Alec was a good sport; it's not easy losing to your younger brother.

Carmel Valley Road Repairs

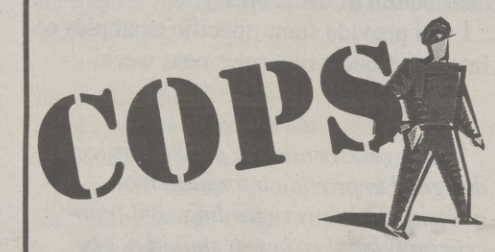
A recent conversation with Ron Lundquist, Monterey County Deputy Public Works Director for Operations, answered a few questions about anticipated improvements to the Valley Road. El Nino, recent storms and mudslides have seriously damaged the road in sections. Previously, the County had planned to let a contract for the resurfacing of Carmel Valley Road to be done late this spring or in early summer. The storms of '98 have forced the postponement of this until the spring of 1999. The delay is necessitated because the County had to spend considerable funds in February to repair damage to the road. According to Lundquist, "It is a cash-flow problem. Money that would have been spent to resurface the road had to be used to make emergency repairs to it, clear debris from mudslides, and undertake drainage and culvert improvements."

Those who had to drive the road during the continuing rains of February were familiar with the ongoing problems that public works crews had to attend to. Water poured across the road at Valley Hills Shopping Center and extensive sandbagging was required. A new culvert and a small sediment pond had to be installed near the Chateau Julien Winery and at one point a road grader had to work throughout the night to keep the road clear of mud. The slide in between exits to Scarlett Road required reducing traffic to one lane and employing a 24-hour security patrol for traffic control for more than two weeks. Concrete barriers had to be installed to reopen the road to two lanes.

The hill at that location has a lower strata of granite with a loose layer of clay and shale above it. This contains some sizeable boulders, some of which rolled down onto the roadway during the storms. Public Works intends to create a bench in the topography just above the granite layer so that if there is any sliding of the upper, unstable area, boulders will not slide down to the roadway below.

The extensive emergency work required throughout Carmel Valley was not limited to the Valley Road. This picture shows the extensive amount of rock and riprap that was required to shore up the creek bank so that a bridge on Robinson Canyon Road would not be washed out nor an adjacent home lost to raging floodwaters.

The County expects to be reimbursed for most of these expenses either through FEMA, State and Federal highway funds. However, the reimbursements are not expected until this fall. Resurfacing Carmel Valley Road will therefore have to be postponed until next year. That's the bad news. The good news is that maybe the worst section of roadway near Valley Hills may be fixed sooner. This section of roadway is scheduled to be resurfaced as part of the Canada Woods development. Once agreements can be reached on the design of a new culvert under the road, and under-grounding of utilities can be completed, this section of roadway will be resurfaced. With luck it may happen this fall.



March 9

Carmel Valley: Upon stopping an individual for a vehicular registration violation, individual provided police with a false name and DOB. Individual fled the scene before police were able to confirm his identity. Police discovered that the individual had a $10,000.00 warrant out for his arrest in Monterey County. Individual was later arrested.

March 11

Carmel Valley: Reporting person requested a welfare check on his mother-in-law. He believes that a man living at her home maybe taking money from her. Found to be a civil matter between all parties.

March 12

Carmel: The manager at the Mission Inn wanted a couple of transients removed off of private property. Two individuals were contacted and convinced to move their campsite permanently or face arrest for trespassing.

March 13

Carmel: Man reported that a small group of juveniles threw eggs at his home. He stated that the juveniles were about thirteen years of age however he was unable to give me any descriptions. No suspects were located and no damage was done.

Carmel Valley: Woman reported an ongoing problem with the neighbor's barking dog. Neighbor was unavailable for contact.

Carmel: Woman reported the theft of two diamond rings from her bedroom at the residence.

Carmel: Man reported that his ex-wife keeps accusing him of being drunk when she drops off their child at his residence and did so on this date. He did not appear to be under the influence of alcohol.

March 14

Reporting person reported an elderly female with dementia had walked away from her residence. She was located approximately 1.5 hours later at the Valley Bistro. She was returned to her residence.

March 15

Monterey: Man punched his sister in the nose during an argument.

March 16

Carmel: A traffic stop on a vehicle for swerving revealed an elderly male attempting to drive himself to CHOMP. The man was given a courtesy transport to CHOMP.

March 18

Carmel Valley: Woman reported two items on her property had been tampered with. She wanted the information documented.

Carmel High School: WFJ reports that she was hit in her lower left leg by a fellow student who threw an orange at her. She was unable to find who the student was.

Carmel High School: A teacher reported two girls fighting on the track adjacent to the football field. Both were cited into juvenile probation for same.

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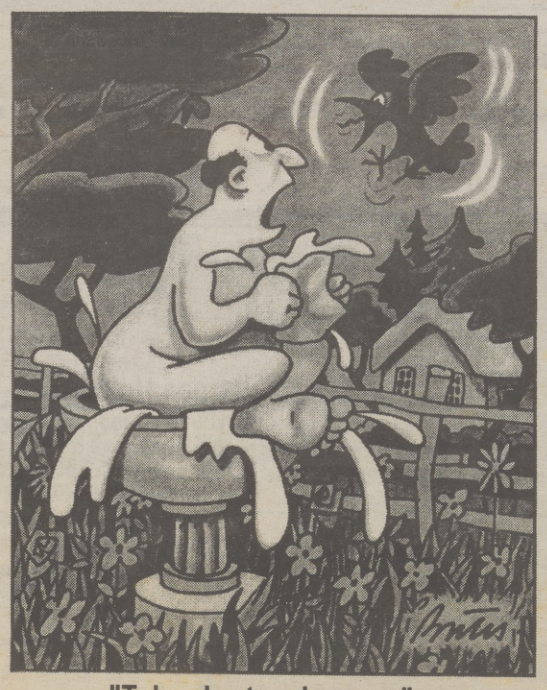

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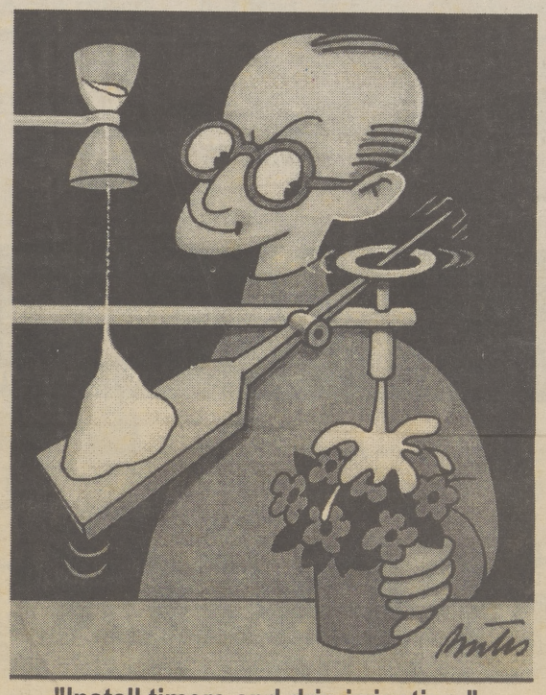
"Use a broom to clean the driveway."

"Fix leaky faucets."

"Water in the early morning or late evening."

"Use a shut-off nozzle when washing your vehicle."



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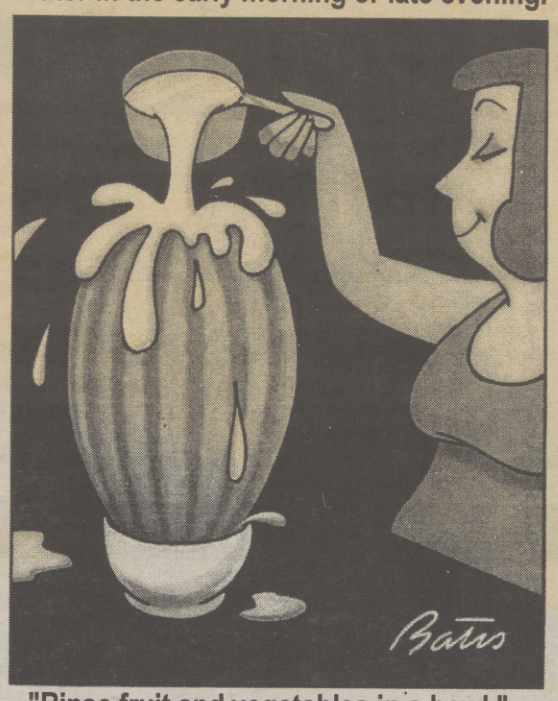

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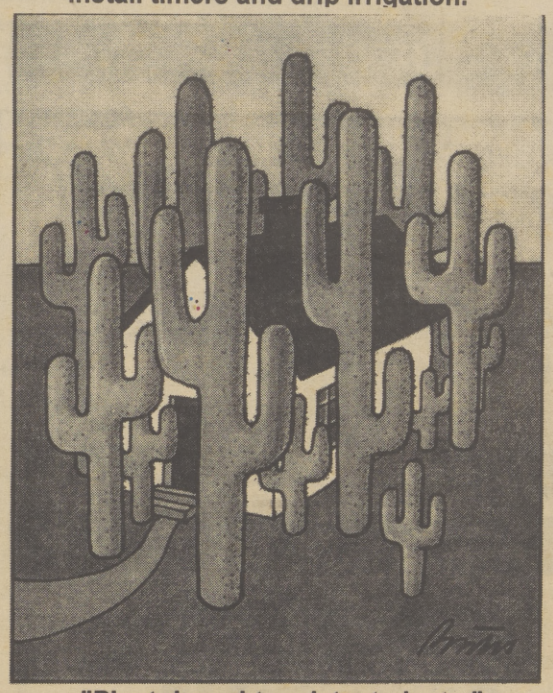

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